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SENATE BILL 2971 By
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HOUSE BILL 2800
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AN ACT to designate a bridge in Sullivan County as the "Private
Lawrence E. Carrier Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Bosnia, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States armed forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Private Lawrence E. Carrier, U.S. Army, Company F, 32nd Infantry Regiment, was killed in action on July 8, 1953, while courageously serving in North Korea; and

WHEREAS, Private Carrier has the distinction of being the only Korean War veteran from the Central Holston and Hickory Tree communities of Sullivan County to be killed in action in that war; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge located in those communities to honor the memory of Private Carrier and the ultimate sacrifice he so bravely made; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge (State Bridge No. 82523730019) on State Route 44 in the Central Holston and Hickory Tree communities in Sullivan County is hereby designated as the "Private Lawrence E. Carrier Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this exceptional young man and soldier who gave his life so that present and future generations might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Private Lawrence E. Carrier Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.